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Applicant : Chan, et al.
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Title : Novel Fluorescent Lanthanide Chelates

Grp./A.U. : 1621
Examiner : P.A. Zucker

Docket No. : P50800

AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 6, 2003, setting a three (3) month period for response ending August 6, 2003 ("Office Action"). A Petition to extend the time for response for a period of three (3) months is being transmitted herewith, such that this response is timely. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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